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SUBJECT: MBFR

1. SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICE (USTINOV) RAISED WITH EMBOFF THE RECENT PRESS REPORTS, BEGINNING WITH THAT IN THE "LOS ANGELES TIMES", OF AN AGREED NATO POSITION ON THE SUBSTANCE OF MBFR TALKS. HE SAID HE THOUGHT THAT THE APPROACH AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS DID HAVE THE VIRTUE OF BEING "BALANCED" AND MODERATE IN THE NUMBER OF TROOPS TO BE REDUCED. EMBOFF SAID THAT THE STORIES WERE HIGHLY SPECULATIVE, APPARENTLY HAVING BEEN PIECED TOGETHER HERE AND THERE, AND THAT ALLIES WERE STILL CONSULTING ON THEIR SUBSTANTIVE APPROACH TO MBFR. USTINOV SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THE FIRST REDUCTION PHASE SHOULD DEAL WITH PERSONNEL ONLY AND NOT WITH MAJOR PIECES OF EQUIPMENT.

2. COMMENT: USTINOV HAD JUST RETURNED FROM LEAVE AND CONSULTATIONS IN MOSCOW, WHERE HE HAD FIRST SEEN THE "LOS
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ANGELES TIMES" STORY. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, CLAIM THAT HIS

REMARKS REFLECTED ANYTHING OTHER THAN HIS PERSONAL VIEWS.
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